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Petition Based Employment (H1B, L, O, P, Q) Visas, Request for Expedited Appointments in Toronto

Beginning September 29, 2006, we will schedule expedited appointments for petition based employment nonimmigrant visa applicants on a trial basis:

- Temporary Workers (H-1B)
- Intracompany Transfers (L)
- Extraordinary Ability (O)
- Athletes, Artists, and Entertainers (P)
- International Cultural Exchange Visitors (Q)

Accompanying dependents and denied requests shall schedule visa appointments on their own in the normal manner, through www.nvars.com or by 900 telephone service (phone numbers available at www.amcits.com/phone.asp) , or at the consular post serving their home country.

Required employer/petitioner profile:

- for-profit firm with over \$25 million USD in sales and 1,000 U.S. based staff or
- educational, research, or medical institution, or a government entity.

Required applicant profile:

- Principal applicant only, no dependents.
- Applying for an H-1B, L, O, P, Q visa.
- No prior U.S. visa ineligibility.
- No criminal arrest record.
- Not subject to administrative processing per 9 FAM Appendix G 500 (foia.state.gov).
- Not subject to INA 212 (e) ("2 year rule") or the 6 year limit for H1-Bs.

How to request an expedited appointment:

- Establish an applicant profile and obtain a reference number at www.nvars.com.

- Complete "Petition Based Employment Visas: Request for Expedited Appointment", available at toronto.usconsulate.gov, listing 3 preferred appointment days.
- Email your Request to TorontoEmpNiv@state.gov. You will receive an initial, automated email reply verifying that we received your request. DO NOT SUBMIT MORE THAN ONE REQUEST PER APPLICANT.
- We will reply with a second, confirmation email within 2 business days. If we approve your request, our confirmation email will contain a date and time for your appointment. Bring this email to your appointment.
- If we cannot accommodate one of your three preferred dates, our confirmation email will give you the next available appointment. If you cannot make that appointment, another expedited appointment will not be offered.
- After you receive our confirmation email, return to www.nvars.com and login with your reference number to access the instruction packet for your appointment.

This trial effort seeks to facilitate economically important travel to the U.S. in a secure manner. Our capacity is limited to 25 appointments per afternoon. An expedited appointment is no assurance of visa eligibility. Employers/petitioners and others who request expedited appointments for applicants who fall outside of the above parameters will seek appointments in the normal manner.